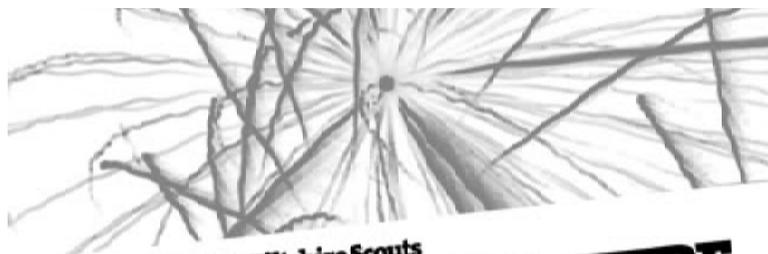


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*Priest Father Philip Beisly tel 01285 712586
St Mary's Church, High Street, Cricklade*

*Holy Days 7.00pm Mass
Sundays 9.30am Mass*

From The Editors

The darker November nights after the ending of British Summer Time are a reminder of approaching winter. More immediately there is Bonfire night, shortly followed by Remembrance Day with the service on Sunday 11 November at the Cenotaph. It seems a little incongruous to remember an event that didn't even happen with an annual bonfire and many fireworks while we remember with suitable solemnity, all the lives lost though real fire in both senses.

Our front cover this month is a reminder of the annual firework and bonfire spectacular that Purton and Lydiard Scouts arrange and organise in Lydiard Park; gates open at 5.30 pm. For any reader who has not attended, it is a massive event and is the biggest fund raiser for scouting in the area. This year funds are also being raised for Wiltshire Search and Rescue.

Organising the event is no mean feat and involves over 100 volunteers in a wide variety of roles operating before, during and after the event. Over the years, plans for the Scouts Bonfire night have become very detailed to accommodate most contingencies and particularly relating to the effects of bad weather.

Inside this edition of your magazine you will find reports of many events that have also been arranged and organised with the support of a variety of volunteers from within our community. People from all walks of life regularly come forward to help in so many different ways. It is a sign of a healthy and vibrant community that so many events receive so much practical – and financial – support from lots of different people in and around Purton.

For example, just read the reports about the Poppy Appeal (on [page 12](#)), the Christian Aid concert (on [page 30](#)), the shoe box appeal (on [page 21](#)), the Widham Farm appeal (on [page 5](#)) and even about the harvest flowers in church (on [page 15](#)). Those who have contributed are all suitably thanked and even if normally not mentioned by name, they will all know who they are, while we, as a community, have benefitted.

However, even more help and support is usually welcomed by local organisers to spread the load. If there are any readers who don't know where to start, have a look at Purton Placard on [pages 28](#) and [29](#) where numerous forthcoming events are publicised – the more help that is provided, the more events we can all enjoy.

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to exchange books
at Purton Surgery
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shoe boxes can now be
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Parish Council News



Widham Farm – we are delighted with the outcome of the inquiry which rejected the applicant's appeal against the decision of Wiltshire Council to refuse a development of 50 dwellings on this site. A great deal of work went into presenting the Parish Council's case; likewise that of our Unitary Councillor Jacqui Lay and other members of the community such as Dr Richard Pagett on behalf of Ps & Qs. Our thanks are extended to all of those who contributed to bring about this outcome.

Ridgeway Farm – the outcome of this Inquiry is still unknown but a decision from the Secretary of State is expected by 1 November.

Neighbourhood Plan – Cricklade and Royal Wootton Bassett have decided not to continue with the Neighbourhood Plan for the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community, now proposing to develop individual Plans for their respective towns. This leaves Purton, and the other parishes within the Community Area, with some difficult decisions to make as to whether they should continue with a joint Plan for the Community Area, but without Wootton Bassett and Cricklade, or develop Plans for their individual villages, either solo or in conjunction with some or all of the remaining Parishes. Alternatively we could opt out of producing a Neighbourhood Plan at all, though this could leave us with little defence against inappropriate development taking place in the village. More will be known after a steering group meeting on 17 October. It is likely that Purton Parish Council will call an extraordinary Council meeting after this date to consider its options.

As with all of these things, cost implications will need to be considered. Under the Front Runner Scheme, the Neighbourhood Plan for the Community Area was essentially funded by Central Government. If, as expected Cricklade and Royal Wootton Bassett continue with their Neighbourhood Plans, then they will have to fund these themselves and that could be quite costly. Purton will be faced with the same considerations and the upshot is that there may have to be a significant increase in the Parish Council Precept for next year to cover our Plan. Careful consideration will need to be given to all options and investigation is under way to explore all avenues.

The Fox – you may recall that in last month's Magazine details were given about the metro count that was carried out in The Fox, resulting in the possibility of a Community Speed Watch group being set up to carry out speed checks. We are pleased to report that eight people have put their names forward. We would like more people to come forward to help if possible – if you are interested you do not have to be a resident of The Fox. Please contact the Parish Council Office with your details and we will pass them onto the co-ordinator for the scheme.

Remembrance Service – Purton High Street will be closed from the Lower Square to the entrance of The Peak from 2.15 pm until 3.15 pm on Sunday 11 November 2012, for the British Legion Remembrance Service.

Bus Shelters – we have just carried out a survey of the bus shelters and note that on occasions people put notices up in them which can make them look untidy and

leaves sticky marks on the windows. Please can you use the noticeboards in the village to advertise events rather than the bus shelters. Thank you.

Ragwort – DEFRA has produced a code of practice on how to prevent the spread of ragwort. Ragwort contains toxins which can have debilitating or fatal consequences if eaten by horses and other grazing animals. Also humans may be at risk from ragwort poisoning through direct contact (e.g. hand pulling) or the consumption of contaminated food. The code does not seek to eradicate it as it is a native plant, and is important for insects to feed on. However it is necessary to prevent the spread where this presents a high risk of poisoning horses and livestock or spreading to field used for the production of forage. The responsibility for control rests with the occupier of the land on which the ragwort is growing. A copy of the code can be obtained from DEFRA, Ergon House, 17 Smith Square, London SW1P 3JR. The code can also be found on the DEFRA web site at www.defra.gov.uk.

Wiltshire Council has approved the following planning applications:

N12/02015/FUL *38 Stone Lane, Lydiard Millicent*, Demolition of existing dwelling & construction of a replacement dwelling (Amendment to N12/00540/FUL)

N12/00992/FUL & 12/00993/LBC *Packhorse Farm House, Cricklade Road*, Demolition, alteration and single storey extension to farmhouse; formation of new vehicular access and access road; and alterations to existing barn.

N12/01972/FUL *12 Locks Lane, Purton*, Single storey rear extension (Resubmission of 12/01275/FUL)

N12/02122/FUL *Huntersbrook House, Hoggs Lane*, Conversion of garage to annexe and rear extension.

N12/01346/CLE *New Moonleaze Farm, Braydon*, Certificate of Lawfulness for use of building for purposes incidental to the enjoyment of New Moonleaze Farm.

Wiltshire Council has refused the following planning applications:

N12/02189/FUL *Kempsters Court, High Street*, Conversion of barn/cart shed to dwelling (Resubmission of 12/00886/FUL)

N12/01288/FUL *Setter House, Church Street*, 2-storey extensions to front and side, including extension to roof to provide loft conversion and provision of solar panels including solar panels.

N12/02216/FUL *Malfords, Locks Lane, Purton*, First floor extension to bungalow to form two storey dwelling.

N12/02351/FUL *Hafaway House, Hoggs Lane*, Replace single storey garage with two storey extension.

N12/01862/FUL *Caerhays, The Hyde*, Detached dwelling & garage with formation of new access.

Planning Appeal – The applicant for a development at *1 The Fox* is appealing to the Planning Inspectorate against the decision of Wiltshire Council who has refused this application – the appeal will be on the basis of an exchange of written statements.

How to contact the Parish Council:

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The Parish Council's letter box is on the wall adjacent to the side door (entrance door to the Parish Council offices) to the rear of the Library/Institute.

Purton Parish Plan

Work on the Parish Plan has continued throughout the 'summer' and the results have now been collated. A feedback meeting will be held on Wednesday 12 December, starting at 7 pm in the Village Hall. Results for key questions and an action list from the most frequently received comments will be presented. Posters, showing levels of response, will be on display.

Group for Patients: Purton & Green Gable Surgery



Dr Glynis Evans: We are sorry that Dr Evans has taken early retirement for health reasons and we trust that the rest will help her to make a good recovery before too long. She will be missed by all.

Dementia Event – Tuesday 2 October: The Dementia Event which we held on 2 October was a highly successful, very informative and interesting evening. As we had a waiting list of people who would have liked to have come we plan to hold a repeat of the evening at a future date.

Book Exchange: We are in the process of setting up a book exchange in Purton surgery. Please put a donation of 50p in the box nearby when you take a book. Any donations of books will be welcome.

Christmas Market Stall - Saturday 24 November: We are planning to have a stall at the Christmas Market being held in Purton Village Hall by St Mary's Church on Saturday 24 November, to raise funds to support the information events we hold. The Market is from 11.30 am - 2 pm ... come and see us there!

Reminder to Green Gable Surgery patients: Can we remind patients of Green Gable Surgery in Cricklade that this is a branch surgery and as such does not have all the facilities of Purton Surgery.

Did you know?... appointments: These can be made online at www.emisaccess.co.uk. You can also access this web site through Purton Surgery web site (www.purtonsurgery.co.uk). Repeat medication can also be requested in this way.

For those working during the day there is extended opening on at least one evening per week until 8pm, early on a Friday morning (from 7.30 am) and also on alternate Saturday mornings (these appointments are pre-bookable only).

SHEILA FOWLER, Secretary, G4P

Purton & District Age Concern



My word there has been a great deal of sadness in our village through people losing family and friends. We all feel for you and sincerely hope you will gain strength from the thoughts and prayers of the village. You wonder how people cope, especially people like Eric and Roma Dodson who have just lost their daughter **Denise** at a young age compared to others who have been sadly taken from us. All you hear from people who knew Denise is what a home loving person she was, kind, thoughtful and caring. Denise is the second daughter that Eric and Roma have lost and you cannot begin to understand how they have handled two such tragedies.

Sid Walker was a person who was very much a part of Purton. I believe his father had a smallholding in Poor Street where Sid lived with his mum and dad and his six brothers and sisters. Where is Poor Street you might ask? Well it is the footpath that runs down past where the Masons' Arms used to be, or runs parallel to the allotments off Restrop Road. Sid was a very sociable person, the type of chap who was easy to talk to and you usually came away with a smile on your face. Sid was quite involved with the village in various ways and I would think he was one of the last remaining members of the Purton detachment of the Home Guard during the 1939-45 war. He loved bowling and was a member of Purton Bowls Club for years. He maintained the lovely borders around the Club green for a good number of years – they always looked a picture, still do in fact. He also like to put pen to paper and wrote a few small books, many about people he came across in his life. He liked walking and was no mean poet but I would think his greatest love was dancing. He was very nimble on his feet and made many friends – in fact he was still dancing until a short time ago which was good. Sid was a character who will be sadly missed in Purton and beyond. Could we thank family and friends for donations being shared with St Mary's Church and ourselves.

Another person I would like to mention is **Mary Wright** of Hillside in Purton. Mary had been poorly for years and she bore her illness bravely. In days gone by she held the keys for the Village Hall and did the bookings as well so I would imagine a lot of people would have come across her in that role the same as I did. She died quite young for this day and age but the distressing thing is that she has not enjoyed good health for such a long time which took her away from normal life. It is a credit to everyone who cared for her.

Mr Glyn Lloyd is another gentleman who we will miss. Up until about a year ago he enjoyed very good health doing his garden, shopping etc. He was very interested in his garden – I know because, when he was 100 years' old, 18 months ago, he was asked by Age Concern what he would like as a gift from us. He said he would like a plant for the garden so we purchased an acer for him and he and I planted it together. We hope that it is still growing. I mention about him going shopping – well, it would take him about twice as long as it should because former pupils would recognise him and say, 'You don't know me do you?' but invariably he did and he remembered their names as well. He came to teach at St Mary's School before the 1939-45 war. It was quite a daunting task I would imagine, coming here

from the valleys of Wales to a village like Purton. Nevertheless he took it in his stride and became part of Purton. He must have been the last Cricket Club member still with us who played before the war and, of course, the Tennis Club played at the cricket field then. Did he meet his wife up there because the Scott family were keen on tennis – they even had their own courts at Diana Lodge. He had a lifelong love for cricket and particularly Purton Cricket Club.

Mr Lloyd was in the Home Guard before being called up for Army Service and returning as a captain and he then became temporary headmaster at St Mary's School which then had pupils from infants up to the school leaving age. I think the whole village was somewhat surprised that he didn't get the headmaster's job straightaway but he did eventually as we know and it was the same when Bradon Forest opened. Once again the village thought that Mr Lloyd was the man for the job there but that was not to be either, so Bradon Forest's loss was St Mary's gain. While teaching at St Mary's he was their representative at the NUT meetings and then, when made headmaster, he would attend NAHT meetings. Coming from Wales did he have strong union views I wonder?

He was the main instigator of the building of the swimming pool at St Mary's, where so many children first learned to swim. Another of Mr Lloyd's loves was St Mary's Church; he was a Church Warden or should I say Vicar's Warden – Roger Lawrence was the Peoples' Warden. While I think of it, was the Vicar's Warden a job that always went to the headmaster of St Mary's, which was a Church of England school, as Mr Greenhill was Vicar's Warden when he was headmaster. Frank Kempster was the Peoples' Warden then. No doubt, someone will tell me. He was also a Parish, District and County Councillor and, apart from the Cricket Club, his other favourite organisation was the Purton Branch of the Royal British Legion of which he was President.

As I have just said, Mr Lloyd was a Churchwarden and headmaster and this must have been useful, like the time when they had Sunday School children to a special service and there were a couple of boys misbehaving at the front of the Church. Mr Lloyd stormed up the central aisle from the back where the wardens sat. I don't know if he said something or clipped them round the ear but there was no trouble after. One of his favourite sayings when pupils were messing about was 'Empty vessels make most noise'.

He was extremely generous to Purton Age Concern, giving us a generous donation every Christmas, which gave us a great boost to think that someone as well respected as Mr Lloyd should think that our organisation was worth supporting – he would always remind me that once he was taller than me. In fact, his kindness and generosity was something you never knew about unless you belonged to an organisation who benefited from his kindness and not just organisations – it was individuals as well. We shall all miss him.

Another person who has died is Mrs **Hazel Iles** who lived in Reid's Piece originally, before moving to the Cedars and then a nursing home. What do I remember about her most? I can see her riding her bike always looking so smart. She was a great supporter of the village, especially Age Concern, going on our outings, to concerts and various fundraising events – she was one for a bargain and

would always try to knock the price down at jumble sales. I believe she came here from Wales and she was married to Wilf whose brother Harold was probably the last local man to go up the outside of the spire at St Mary's Church in his job as a steeplejack – no health and safety then. Harold used to cut hair in his shed at the bottom of his garden down at the end of Witts Lane – I'm sure you wanted to know that! My word it is a sad time in our village, losing people who, in days gone by, have contributed to making our village what it is today – a grand place to live.

Another such person who has died is Mrs **Doris Wadsworth** nee Hunt of Blacklands. She was not a Purtonian but would qualify as an associate Purtonian the number of years she lived here. Her home was at Shaw in Collier's Row – you don't go by there now but it is still there. At one time it was the main route into Swindon. She went to Lydiard School and had to walk about two miles there (and the same back) in all winds and weathers. I bet she was glad when she reached the age of eleven and went to Purton School as she would have been picked up outside her house by Rimes coach. That was quite a long trip, picking up at various stops like the Nine Elms, Park Lane, Church Place, Lydiard Green and Greenhill Cross Roads. Talking about the Nine Elms, I bet it was frightening in 1927 when two of the elms blew down and killed two people – this would have been the way Doris walked to school when at Lydiard.

In later years Doris worked in the kitchen at Bradon Forest School along with the likes of Phil and Peg Matthews, Iris Parsons and May Barnfield. Was it about that time that Eve Saunders was in charge? They used to put dishes out on the tables with the veg on and Doris would always stick up for the children. They had special processed peas and Doris always complained that they weren't given enough – she never gave up and, in the end, the powers that be listened and the children were given more. She was a very happy go lucky person – when you went by the kitchen all you could here would be laughter – also she was very hard working, never moaning (only about the peas). Later on in life she joined the Bowls Club, becoming captain of the ladies triples - mind husband Reg and son Mark became quite good bowlers as well. She worked hard here as well, helping out with the catering, cleaning etc. and, as was her nature, anything she did was quick and thorough. I have spoken about Mr Lloyd so would Doris have been taught by him when he first came to Purton?

We have had enough bad news but it will be good news when we welcome our new vicar Ian Tweedie-Smith and his family to our village and the added bonus is that they are going to live in Purton and be part of our community – something nice to look forward to. We welcome them and hope they will be very happy in their new surroundings. In welcoming Ian and his family lets not forget all the extra work that those involved with the Church have carried out over these last years while we have been without a vicar. You have all done your best to keep the Church alive, although some decisions I did not particularly agree with, but never mind that. Many thanks to you and to Revd John Railton for stepping into the breach for the past fifteen months, but a special thank you to the Revd Judith Wells for always being there for us. I have just returned from Mr Lloyd's funeral and what an excellent service – Judith took it and it was a very fitting tribute, especially the Welsh choir!

Could we offer our congratulations on their golden wedding to Cyril and Jackie

Walters. Both are not enjoying the best of health at the moment – Cyril is in the Cedars and Jackie is in a nursing home in Swindon. We in Age Concern have so much to thank them for. Jackie was street warden for the Peak and a very good one too. Cyril was one of our early minibus drivers but bad health forced him and Jackie to give it all up. They were both valued members of our committee for twenty plus years – the type of people who would be first to come forward when anything wanted doing. If they said they would do something you knew it would be done. We all send you our best wishes and thank you both for all you did for Purton Age Concern over the years.

Our final mystery tour of the season seemed to be enjoyed by all. The weather was kind to us and the route took in Calne, Marlborough, Hungerford, Wantage, Kinston Bagpuize and Bablock Hythe, where we stopped at the Ferryman Inn for lunch. It was something different for us but very enjoyable and you could have a drink while they prepared the food – a roast chicken dinner with a choice of sweets – I chose lemon sponge, which was delicious. The homeward trip took in Bampton, Kencot, Lechlade, Highworth and Blunsdon. We are planning next year's trips – come and give them a try.

We are still getting good reports of the Bobby Van for security and the Fire Service for smoke alarms. If you are interested, contact your street warden. We are also preparing to give out our Christmas vouchers – the criteria – single men 65 and over, single ladies 60 and over, married couples men 65 and over, wife 60 and over.

We will be having our usual two Christmas parties – the less able party on Saturday 24 November at the Silver Threads Hall from 3 to 5 pm., cost £2 – names to street wardens by 15 November – and the party for the able elderly on the following Saturday 1 December from 5 to 8.30 pm. at the Village Hall, cost £5 – names to street wardens by 22 November. Following on from there we will be holding our Christmas Market Stall at the Pavenhill shops on Saturday 8 December and in between times our Christmas raffle tickets will be on sale and, of course, we will be hoping to put our Christmas tree up outside the Institute ready for our carols with hot punch and mince pies on Christmas Eve – this is our thank you to you all for the way you support us.

I am sorry to have to report that Richard Woodbridge, our minibus co-ordinator, is giving up the job in two months time. We are very grateful to Richard for his services – he has been doing such a good job for eight years, ably assisted by his wife Hazel and we have so much to thank him for. The good news is that Richard and Hazel are going to continue to drive the buses. You know what the next question is going to be – would anyone care to take this rewarding job on. I must stress, as with everything involving Purton Age Concern, it is purely voluntary. If you would like to know more, give me a ring on 770696.

I had finished my piece for the magazine, and it was with great sadness that I heard of the death of Mrs **Lilian Slade**. Ron and Lilian Slade have had a long and happy life together. Mrs Slade was in the RAF and Ron was in the Navy when they met. It is going to be very difficult for Ron without Lilian as they have always been together, married for 68 years and, of course, the courting before getting married. Mrs Slade, during her married life worked for a good number of

years for a firm of solicitors in Old Town, Swindon. Eventually Ron and Lilian moved out from Old Town to Purton to be close to their daughter Lyn and son-in-law Ted. I say 'close' – they had a granny annexe built on to Ted and Lyn's bungalow in Glevum Close. It is particularly sad for Bowls Club members as Ron is quite heavily involved with the Club. I know at Christmas time, as a token of his appreciation, he cooks all the helpers who maintain the Club a Christmas breakfast and it is some breakfast I can tell you.

Mrs Slade is a person I have always had the greatest respect for – the type of person, if I were a lady, I would want to be like – very elegant, always smartly dressed – the term I would use is 'nicely turned out'. I wonder if this came from her RAF days – officer material I would think! Along with that she was always pleasant, very sociable and helpful and people like that are a great asset to our village. As I have often said, I don't mind who moves into the village as long as they become part of it and they certainly both did that. To Ron, Lyn, Ted and family and friends, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Could we thank you most sincerely for money in lieu coming to Age Concern.

TONY PRICE

Keys Found!

Set of keys was found in the fields behind Waite Meads Close at the beginning of October. If you think they are yours, please contact In Touch Services on 772954, or pop in at 115 Pavenhill (by the roundabout). To be able to collect them, you will need to be able to describe them!

The Royal British Legion - Purton Branch

The Branch members would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in Purton and the surrounding area for their generosity over the years towards the Poppy Appeal, and the support of everyone is very much appreciated.



The financial year to the end of September 2012 was very successful, in spite of the recession, resulting in a total for the Branch of £7898.15, which is an increase of more than £800.00 on last year, so thank you all very much.

We would also like to thank, in particular, Joyce Berry, her daughter and son-in-law Shirley and Mike Lawrence, and all the many other wonderful people who give their time to help to collect for the Poppy Appeal.

We would also like to thank all the customers of ASDA who gave so generously. The **Remembrance Service** will be held on Sunday 11 November at 2.30 pm at the Cenotaph.

Regardless of the weather it will be held outside, so come dressed accordingly but, in the event of inclement weather, for those who don't wish to stand outside, the Silver Threads Hall will be available and a speaker will relay the service indoors.

As has now become the custom, the road will be closed for approximately one hour, and diversions put in place.

The Branch would again like to extend a warm welcome to any serving or ex-service members of the civil or military uniform branches who would like to join us in the parade, regardless of whether or not they are British Legion members.

Wiltshire Good Neighbours



Doom and Gloom...Winter is upon us...

As I write this the sun is shining and I could almost be fooled that we may have an Indian Summer? Sadly, I know this is unlikely and we are looking at cooler and wet weather over the next few months. Just a few thoughts:

Electricity bills: did you change supplier last year to make the most of the low tariffs on offer? If so now is the time to check your bill to ensure that you are still receiving electricity at a competitive rate. Search engines such as www.gocompare.com or www.moneysupermarket.com are an excellent way of checking if you can save cash on bills. I can do these checks if you have no access to the Internet

Oil costs: Did you know that Community First have a county wide oil purchasing consortium? It costs just £20 per year to join and this can be less than the saving on your first oil order. Oil can be ordered monthly and your order can be as little as 500 litres, but everyone pays the same price (often smaller orders are more expensive per litre). Last year members saved up to 6p per litre on their purchases. Payment for the oil is direct to the supplier and there is no surcharge for using credit cards. For more details call Jess on 01380 732809.

Darker evenings are a burglar's friend: Think about having some motion censored outside lights installed. They are an inexpensive way of deterring unwelcome visitors.

Beware of doorstep traders: Uninvited workmen calling to offer repairs to gutters, roofs etc. may be opportunists hoping to carry out unnecessary work on your home. If you do need repairs to your home, call a reputable company and seek advice and a quote.

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If you have any concerns or would like more information any of the above, please call me, Ellen Blacker on 07557 110414.

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To put your Events in the Diary Pages, contact Purton Magazine
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Ian Tweedie-Smith - This is my Life

By the time you read this Ian will have been licensed as our new vicar by Bishop Mike of Bristol. Ian was asked to prepare a biography for the order of service used at his licensing which we thought would be of interest to the whole village.

DAVID NETTLETON, Churchwarden, St Mary's Church

I was born in Aldershot in 1960, and brought up on a farm in Mattingley (near Hook). When I was 6 we moved to Fleet (all in North-East Hampshire) and lived in a flat in a large rundown Victorian building called Stockton House – back then it was riddled with dry rot and due for demolition. Much of my school life was in Berkshire and it was there in 1973 that I met a group of Christians. There was something different about them; they had something I had not got. As I met with them I discovered I also met with Christ, or rather Christ met with me. I realised that I too wanted to become one of his followers. As I look back it was the most significant decision of my life and yet as I look back it was a decision that Christ had prepared the way for and enabled me to take.



Soon after, I developed arthritis, which gradually disabled me to the extent I could only walk short distances and could not study because of the constant pain. So I had to leave school part way through my A levels. As I developed arthritis I also developed a sense of calling from God to get ordained in the Church of England. Yet my health and my calling did not seem to match and I went to live in Shipley (in West Yorkshire). I lived in the curate's house and saw a vicar's life first hand. The Church had begun a healing ministry and whilst I was there God graciously healed me of my arthritis and with that He reaffirmed my calling to ordination. I then worked selling kitchens, bedrooms and bathrooms, went back to college, got some A levels and on to University in Newcastle upon Tyne.

Meanwhile I was selected for ordination and moved to Oxford to complete my training. Whilst I was there I got to know Celia, who subsequently proposed to me! My first appointment was to the Inner City – New Cross (South East London) in 1985, and 2 years later Celia and I got married. Then in 1989 we moved to Bury St Edmunds (Suffolk) – George was born in 1991 and Ruth in 1994. In 2002 we moved to Woking (Surrey) for a part-time role as Team Vicar for All Souls' Sutton Green and St Mark's Westfield, also working part-time at a much restored Stockton House in Fleet.

When my father died, an opportunity came to develop and use Stockton House in some way in God's service, and so I decided to establish a Christian Conference Centre there. It is my vision to see Christians (especially those in leadership) supported, encouraged and trained so that their walk with God and their work within the Church is grown and enhanced. There is also a School on the site (An Early Years Foundation for children aged 2-4). My mother began this back in 1968 and

it continues to provide a real service for the local community with the majority of the children receiving government grants. I now have oversight over the School and I believe it is important that Christians support and encourage the provision of education in our society.

Now with our children leaving home – George is a Church Apprentice in Leicester and Ruth has just started studying Geography at Durham University – Celia and I are prayerfully ready for a new challenge. We would value your prayers as I continue part-time at Stockton House and especially as I begin as half-time priest in charge here in St Mary's Purton. Throughout the past almost 39 years since I became a Christian I can truthfully say God has never failed me nor forsaken me (Joshua chapter 1 verse 5), and so together as a family and as a Church community we look to God as we step out in faith in this new chapter of our lives. Thank you for your welcome and your support, it is my prayer that together we might know God and make Him known and discover afresh that He will never fail us nor forsake us in the years ahead.

IAN TWEEDIE-SMITH

Harvest Flowers in St Mary's

St Mary's Church looked wonderful, decorated ready to celebrate Harvest. There were huge displays of red and golden berries, flowers, leaves and fruit. There were rich pink and purple Michaelmas daisies, lavender and swindleberries. There were the traditional apples, pumpkins, marrows and tomatoes.

The church was full of nature's riches.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped with the decorating of the church, by providing flowers, by sending in donations and by spending hours doing the flower arrangements and for cleaning the church in anticipation.

Thank you all very much indeed.

Prayer for Purton

This month the churches in Purton are praying for everyone who lives or works in *Church Path, Church Street, Hyde Lane, The Hyde, Parkside, Church End and Manor Hill*. If there is anyone or anything that you would like us to pray for during our Sunday worship, please contact Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith, Revd Judith Wells or Revd David Perkins. Their contact details can be found on the inside cover of this magazine. You can give as much or little information as you wish. We don't even have to know a name.

Macmillan Cancer Support

It was good to see our friends from Purton at The World's Biggest Coffee Morning in Lydiard Millicent Parish Hall on 28 September. I am pleased to report that we raised £778.95. This sum includes a £45 donation from the coffee morning held on 29 September at All Saints Church.

Many thanks to all who supported the coffee morning.

VILMA MUNRO

Church Floodlighting

With thanks to those who have sponsored floodlighting of St Mary's Church.



- 17 October St Mary's was floodlit to welcome our new Priest-in-Charge **Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith** to Purton.
We also welcome Ian's family and hope that they will all be happy here in the village.
- 16 October St Mary's was floodlit in memory of **Diana Davies** and her parents **Bill and Jose Burchell**; at the request of Brian and Rebecca
- 19 October The Church was floodlit in memory of **Queenie Kelly** who died on 19 October 1999.
Also in memory of **Douglas Spackman** who died 1 October 1995.
- 10 November St Mary's will be floodlit in memory of **Pete Holland**, on the anniversary of his wedding and his birthday.
From all the Holland family.
- 11 November St Mary's will be floodlit on **Remembrance Sunday**, when we remember all those who have given their lives for our safety and our future.
- 16 November St Mary's will be floodlit in memory of **Trev (Trevor Bird)** who left us on 16 November 2003.
Miss you. Love you always.
Jean, Amanda and Paul XXX
- 28 November St Mary's will be floodlit in memory and in celebration of **Mary Wightman** on her 98th birthday.
Dearly loved and sadly missed by Roderick, Mark and Ben; daughters-in-law; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Floodlighting contact: [Libbie](#)

If the lights don't work, for any reason, we offer our apologies and, of course, we offer another floodlit evening for free, or your money back.. These things happen occasionally and it is really disappointing for all concerned.

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Exhibit of the Month: Curly Tom

This month's Exhibit comes from a postcard published in 1912, showing a local Purton character known as "Curly Tom" by some, and "pins and Needles" by others. He was a pedlar whose customers were the villagers of north Wiltshire.

During his later years he found it necessary in winter to seek the shelter of the Purton Workhouse of the Cricklade & Wootton Bassett Poor Law Union. Each spring he would ask the Guardians for help and they provided him with five shillings which he would use to buy a stock of pins, needles, bootlaces and other small items. He was able to support himself from his profits at least in the better-weather months of the year.

In both appearance and manner, he was superior to what was expected of a common pedlar, so perhaps his personal qualities helped towards his success, as much as his choice of wares.

He was born in 1810 and lived to be 103, when he died in the Purton Workhouse at the end of December 1913. During his declining years in Purton, he was never allowed to go short of tobacco or be refused a cup of tea.

He had been in failing health for some months and took to his bed just before Christmas. The Swindon Advertiser published a very full obituary of the centenarian on January 2nd 1914, which contained much detail which had not been widely known or recorded elsewhere.

The old man had been an inmate of the Workhouse for almost twenty years and, during the last ten years he had been allowed 'to go whither he willed' by the Guardians. On every possible occasion he walked into the village and, as often as not, made his way to one or other of the public houses where he imbibed strong ale which was often given to him with his tobacco by people who liked to chat to the old man.

He told a reporter shortly before his 103rd birthday, "I was born in Kings Lynn and ... when I was quite young I was taken to London by my father. I went all over the country, Leicester, Northampton and round the south-east coast. I worked at the boot trade. Then the machines came in and smashed up my trade. That's when I started on my travels with a few odds and ends."

Much of the above has been adapted from *Purton's Past** by the late Alec Robbins and his later book *Records & Recollections of Purton & District*.

There will be a better quality picture on the Museum's web site at www.purtonmuseum.com.

RICK DIXON, Outreach Officer

* Sadly now out of print, though *Records & Recollections* is still available from Purton Historical Society.



Purton Museum is located above the Library, 1 Station Road
and is open during Library hours:

Mon 2 - 5pm; Tues 2 - 7pm; Wed 10am - 5pm; Fri 2 - 7pm

After 8

September: Our meeting was held at Barbara Gosden's home where she enlightened us with an interesting talk on 'art appreciation.'

We began the evening by drawing pencil lines in a pleasing way - mostly curves and wavy lines; then in a irritating way, which resulted in zig-zags and irregular shapes. The exercise was then repeated with cut-out shapes of paper, only this time colour was another consideration. We had a very amusing time completing this task, as you can imagine.

Barbara then showed us some colour slides of work by various artists and we were made aware of the clever use of lines in 'The Scream'. The picture entitled 'The Cypresses' by Van Gogh had no straight lines in the use of brush strokes. Caravaggio's masterpiece, 'The Supper at Emmaus' used clever tones of light and dark and incorporated a cross in the design. Members were also very much impressed by the colours used. Turner's picture entitled 'Approach to Venice' was painted in a very loose style, using a great deal of the artists favourite colour, yellow. Leonardo's striking picture of 'The Lady with the Ermine' showed amazing texture in the painting of her dress and the fur of the animal. Velasquez used the contrast of silk in the sash of Francis I with the shining depiction of his armour.

We then moved on to symbolism, cleverly used in advertising, and we discussed magazine advertisements and their impact upon us. It was interesting to note how opinions differed.

The evening ended with the presentation of four more pictures in modern art. Kandinsky's work entitled 'Yellow, Red, Blue' we found to be rather chaotic. Mondrian's 'Geometric Design' appealed to some members but not all. Rothco's untitled canvas using only two colours relied heavily on texture. We decided that we needed to see this canvas at first hand before we could offer an opinion. The final picture, Natkin's 'Farm Street' offered subtle blending of colours, in the artist's words 'Offering a religious experience.' Everyone appreciated this work, which was new to us and certainly made a lasting impression.

Many thanks are due to Barbara for a fascinating and very informative evening, which must have involved a great deal of research.

October: Fourteen of us managed to fit into Avril's front room to discuss transport. It was supposed to be a quiz but as usual we went on several detours but learnt a lot of new facts, concerning a) who designed the London Underground map? And b) who was the MP to be killed by a train? These were interspersed with cryptic clues. 1) A shirt, a weapon and me? As usual with our meetings we went down many side roads on the way. 2) A very good cowboy film? But we did end up back at the quiz. This was a communal effort, in that the members or perhaps members of their families made up the questions and together we solved the puzzles. 3) Tricks on a mat? A good time was had by all and we even managed to plan next years programme. Answers are on page 59.



EVE BOOY

The next meeting is a talk on Tamara de Lempicka (Art Deco Artist) by Brian Coe on 6 November at Eileen's. Contact [Avril](#) for more information on After 8.

PURTON POSTBAG

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■ THANK YOU TONY!

What a wonderful surprise to see Tony Price's congratulations to us for our Golden Wedding anniversary in August (*Purton Magazine, September 2012*). He was one of our ushers and looked resplendent in his 'outfit' on the day - *pictured below*.

As well as our thanks to him, we would like to thank everyone who made that weekend so special with their cards and gifts.

Glynn & Christine Shailes



■ COFFEE MORNING

Emma Hayden and Glenys Stevens would like to thank everyone who supported their MacMillan Coffee Morning on 12 October. A marvellous sum of £302.00 was raised.

■ WHAT AN AMAZING VILLAGE!

Purton Proferrings: Last month, in *Purton Magazine*, I put out a Wanted appeal for 'Electric sewing machine for use by Deaf people with additional needs, in their Workshop in Bath'.

To my absolute amazement and delight I have now been offered FIVE fantastic machines and they are all in use in Bath already. The staff and the service users are really amazed that one small village could be so generous. It certainly has surpassed my greatest expectations.

Thank you, all five donors, very, very much indeed.

And thank you to *Purton Magazine* for offering the space to appeal for items in 'Purton Proferrings'.

Libbie

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Pc 1988 Kuklinski - Community Beat Manager
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If you would like to make us aware of any issues in your area and you do not have access to email please complete the following form which can be returned to us at Cricklade Police Station or Purton Parish Council Office. We will also be happy to speak to you over the telephone and if required can visit you at your home address. Your thoughts and feedback are important as this will help us to focus our resources on the areas that need them the most.

Name: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Age: (Please circle) up to 21 22 - 35 35 - 55 55 - 70 70+

Problems in your area that you feel we may be able to help with and/or should be aware of. Please state when and where these problems are occurring: _____

Purton & Lydiard Charity Fund (Registered Charity 1116986)



Christmas Craft Show

Saturday 3 November, Purton Village Hall, 10 am - 4.30 pm

Lots of perfect presents for Christmas; refreshments; raffle; tombola etc

Charity Update

For the last couple of years Jenny and I have tried to run Purton and Lydiard Charity Fund with the support of a few good friends and family members who help out and to whom we are very grateful. It has been difficult to organise events and for this reason we are scaling down our activities.

In view of this we have the following items available for sale:

Face Painting Kit – cantilever box with 14 Snazaroo face paints; 3 pots Snazaroo glitter gel; 7 pot stencil glitter; 10 tattoo stencil daubers (all part used); over 50 tattoo stencils, some used, some new; 2 water pots; mixing palette; 1 water spray; hand held mirror; over 30 brushes (some specialised); hair clips; new sponges and cotton buds. An excellent kit for a beginner or established face painter.

Fund raising games/small side shows (to be sold together) – Set of Floor Darts and Ground Markers; Velcro Darts and Board; Hook a Duck (doubles as skittles); Hook A Fish with Timer; Egg and Spoon Race Set.

If you are interested in either of these items please write to Lynda Warren, 32 Station Road, Purton, Lynda.warren@hotmail.co.uk with a bid. We will contact the highest bidder by the end of November. If they remain unsold they will go to a local auction house. All proceeds will go to our Charity funds.

Also, we will be holding our Annual General Meeting towards the end of November, if you would like to be invited please contact me for details of the date and location. Some of you will know that I have not been at all well this summer, hence the reason for the delay of the AGM. If you are unable to attend but would like a copy of our balance sheet please send me a stamped addressed envelope with your request.

LYNDA WARREN

Shoebox News

It was a privilege for Moira, Colin and I to host the Shoebox Fundraising Day, when we raised an amazing £901.54. My thanks to those of you who worked so hard all day. This project has touched the hearts of so many people in our village (and beyond), that your response has given us the opportunity to be sending 360 filled boxes with the transportation costs covered. I couldn't possibly mention everyone individually, but you know who you are. Thank you.



SYLVIA FREEMANTLE, Coordinator

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Purton Diary - November 2012

1	Th	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church
3	Sa	10.00am 5.30pm	to 4.30pm: Christmas Craft Show at Village Hall Scouts Fireworks Spectacular at Lydiard Park (bonfire lit at 6pm)
4	Su	8.00am 10.30am 10.30am 6.00pm	Communion at St Mary's Church Morning Worship at the Methodist Church Family Service at St Mary's Church All Souls' Service at St Mary's Church
6	Tu	8.00pm	After 8: Tamara de Lempicka (Art Deco Artist) by Brian Coe at Eileen's
7	W	7.30pm 7.30pm	Whist Drive at Silver Threads Hall, for Air Ambulance Historical Society Autumn Course at St Mary's School (week 5)
8	Th	11.00am	Songs of Praise at Ashgrove House
9	F	9.30am 6.00pm	Age Concern Minibus to Swindon to 8.30pm: Purton Artists Exhibition at Village Hall
10	Sa	10.00am	to 4pm: Purton Artists Exhibition at Village Hall
11	Su		Remembrance Sunday
		8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church
		10.00am	to 4pm: Purton Artists Exhibition at Village Hall
		10.30am	Remembrance Day Service at the Methodist Church
		10.30am	Communion & Act of Remembrance at St Mary's Church
		2.30pm	Royal British Legion Remembrance Service at Cenotaph High Street closed from 2.15 pm until 3.15 pm
		6.00pm	Evensong at St Mary's Church
12	M	7.30pm	Purton Parish Council meeting at Village Hall - press and public welcome
13	Tu	2.00pm 7.30pm	Silver Threads: <i>Dorcan Choir</i> Purton Yacht Club at The Angel
14	W	2.30pm	Methodist Women's Fellowship at Hooks Hill with Paul Evans: Monologues, recitations and readings
		7.30pm	Historical Society Autumn Course at St Mary's School (week 6)
15	Th	10.30am 7.30pm	Songs of Praise at The Cedars Historical Society at St Mary's School Hall: Alan Kirton - <i>The Great Eastern</i>
16	F	7.30pm	Cheese & Wine for the Girls at Silver Threads Hall (<i>Baby & Toddler Group</i>)
17	Sa	2.00pm	Jumble Sale at Silver Threads Hall
18	Su	8.00am 10.30am 10.30am 6.00pm	Communion at St Mary's Church Morning Worship at the Methodist Church Communion at St Mary's Church Evensong at St Mary's Church
20	Tu	7.45pm	Royal British Legion at The Red House
21	W	2.00pm	Holy Communion at Ashgrove House

		7.30pm	Purton Evening WI, at the Village Hall: How is it done? (Handicrafts and Hair)
22	Th	8.00pm	Ladies Night by Helping Hand at Village Hall
24	Sa	11.30am	to 2pm: Christmas Market, at the Village Hall
		3.00pm	to 5pm: Age Concern Party for the less able elderly at the Silver Threads Hall

25	Su	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church
		10.30am	Morning Worship at the Methodist Church
		10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church
		6.00pm	Evensong at St Mary's Church
27	Tu	2.00pm	Silver Threads: Mr Davies - Films
		7.30pm	Gardeners' Guild at Silver Threads Hall: American Supper with Entertainment by <i>Chalice</i>
28	W	6.30pm	Holy Communion at The Cedars
		7.30pm	Christmas Bingo by Helping Hand at Silver Threads Hall

December

1	Sa	5.00pm	to 8.30pm: Age Concern Party for the able elderly at the Village Hall
2	Su	2.00pm	to 4pm: Christmas Bazaar at Village Hall (U-5's Playgroup)
5	W	7.30pm	Whist Drive at Silver Threads Hall (by Helping Hand)
8	Sa	9.00am	to 12 noon: Age Concern Christmas market stall by Pavenhill shops

Every week

Tu	9.15am	to 11.30am: Purton Toddler Group at Village Hall
	7.30pm	Bridge Club at the Red House
W	10.00am	to 12noon: Coffee and Chat at Silver Threads Hall
	6.30pm	Rock Solid at the Methodist Church
W	7.30pm	RAOB Excelsior Lodge at The Red House
Th	9.15am	to 11.30am: Purton Toddler Group at Village Hall
Th	11.15am	to 1pm: New Beginnings at Purton Youth Centre
Th	2.00pm	to 3pm: Age Concern T'ai Chi at Millennium Hall
Th	2.30pm	Pram Service for pre-school children at Methodist Church

Moon Phases

● 7 November
 ● 13 November
 ◐ 20 November
 ○ 28 November

Purton Guide Dogs

When you read this we will have had our, Jumble Sale in the Silver Threads Hall, and a Stall at the Silver Threads Table Top Sale in the Village Hall, the figures for which will be in next month's magazine. Plus I hope to have a stall later this month, at the Christchurch Christmas Market along with Swindon Branch.

Many thanks for all your support.

BRIAN DAVIES for the Purton Support Group





Update On Charity Fundraising In Memory Of Mr Thomas

Mr Duncan's 10km Thames Swim: I would like to thank everyone for their

sponsorship and support. Particular mention must go to Catherine Chappell in the safety Kayak and Ewen Vizor (and his dog Libby) for providing land support from the Thames path for myself and Tim Wells (Tom Well's dad Year 8). Toby Widdop, Simon Hutchings and their children get a mention in dispatches for providing rear cover for the second half of the swim. It took us 2 hours and 35 minutes to



complete. You helped us to raise a total of £840 for Prospect House in Swindon in memory of Chris Thomas. As a footnote, it would have been £100 more if I had a pound for everyone who told me we would get sick. Neither Tim or I did, it is a great river to swim in and relatively clean as long as you check with the Environment Agency. The plan is for a 20km jaunt down the Wye next year.

Mr Bray's Leap at 10,000ft: Mr Bray recently raised funds for Cancer Research UK in memory of Chris Thomas by completing a Sky Dive. The first weekend of the summer holidays was a scorcher and made perfect conditions for the Sky Dive. Mr Bray jumped from 10,000 feet from a small 8 person plane and took over 5 minutes to reach the ground safe and sound. He said it was an amazing experience and would recommend it to anyone who is willing for a challenge. More importantly he raised £370 for Cancer Research!



At a recent Year 11 assembly we were joined by visitors from the Oncology Unit at Great Western Hospital and the Prospect Hospice who supported Chris Thomas during the final stages of his illness. We were delighted to be able to hand the agencies a cheque each for £800.

Post 16 Success: We were delighted to receive the following comments from Libby Reed, Assistant Principal, Cirencester College. *"Cirencester Sixth Form College is privileged to work with Bradon Forest School, not just because their students are consistently among our top performers, but also because the school takes a real interest in their students' futures beyond school. Bradon Forest progression staff work closely with Cirencester in course selection and the transition process. The school takes its students' well-being and success seriously, an ethos we both share; students are given access to all available provision locally*

with a programme of excellent events for them and their families. This close liaison and caring approach has yet again worked wonders with 19 ex Bradon Forest students achieving more than three A grades at A level or equivalent at Cirencester Sixth Form College. You are officially the single highest achieving school at Cirencester Sixth Form College for the FOURTH year! Well done! Libby Reed"

Paralympics Trip: Miss Hall reports: Mr Hartley, Mr Matthews, Miss Pratten and I,



together with a group of Gifted and Talented PE students from Year 8, had an early start on 3 September 2012 leaving school at 7.30 am to start a three hour journey to the Paralympic Games. When we arrived we were blown away by the impressive stadium and Olympic Park. The roar of the crowd from inside the stadium was like nothing we had heard before, and the

size of the McDonalds impressed even Mr Hartley! We had a look around the park and then made our way to the Riverbank Arena to watch the blind football. We watched two matches, and we were lucky enough to watch Team GB play Iran. Unfortunately we didn't win the game, but we all still really enjoyed watching and learning about the skills involved in this sport. It was a great day and a fantastic opportunity for us to be a part of the Games.

Logo Competition For The Purton Parish Plan: Mrs Lay, (Wiltshire County Councillor Purton) and Mr Tappern, (Purton Parish Council) were our guests at our Year 7 Awards assembly in July. In addition to presenting the awards and cups during a really enjoyable Awards Assembly they also were able to present the prizes to the winners of the Purton Parish Plan Questionnaire Logo competition



Mrs Lay and Mr Tappern, pictured with the winner, Sadie Taylor and runner up Bebhinn Langridge. (The other runner up, not pictured, was Eleanor Bruce.)



Cricket: Mr Bray reports: After the wet summer term the Year 10 (now Year 11) boys managed to play their Cricket Final against Wootton Bassett at Purton Cricket Club in September. The weather held out for the afternoon and a fantastic game of cricket took place. Bradon Forest lost the toss and were put in to bat. Ed Evans and Josh Riddett eventually piled on the runs – Ed Evans ended up with 40+ runs. Final total, 128 runs from 16 overs. Wootton Bassett

came in to bat and despite not losing early wickets their run rate was low. Once their county player was caught behind they had no answer and could not score many runs against our very good fielding side. They only managed to score 56 runs in their 16 overs leaving Bradon Forest Victorious by 72 runs. This Bradon team has never been beaten in Swindon School Cricket, winning all their cup finals over three years.

Open Evening 2012: Our annual Open Evening was incredibly busy and ran very smoothly, thanks to all the staff and students involved. Every area of the school presented activities, displays, performances and experiments, providing an informative and interesting evening for prospective parents and pupils. Members of staff and a large number of students were on hand to help, guide and answer questions. Visitors were able to experience the various facets that make Bradon Forest such a happy and successful school, and initial feedback has been extremely positive. This year over 330 students helped (approximately 35+% of school roll) acting as guides, subject area helpers, display organisers and as car park marshals. Visiting parents were universally complimentary about the numerous students from across the year groups who they met. Robert Miles (Head Boy) and Bethany Richards (Head Girl) gave individual speeches as part of the two main presentations to parents in the hall. They both gave personal addresses about their experiences as students. The audience response was excellent and Rob and Beth were superb role models for our future entrants.

Our recent run of Open Mornings were very well attended by Year 6 parents and pupils and consisted of a short introduction, followed by tours in small groups with Year 11 Senior Prefects/Year 10 Peer Mentors. The tours gave parents and Year 6 visitors the opportunity to ask Bradon Forest students any questions about the school. The student guides also oversaw the parking and were on hand to welcome the visitors each day. They were all superb and excellent ambassadors for our school. The mornings finished with a question and answer session with myself and senior staff in the Library Learning Centre.

L SPIERS, Headteacher

Swerve present 'Subtext' at the Bradon Forest Theatre

Tuesday 27 November 7.30 pm

By Artistic Directors Helen Ganberg (Swerve Dance Theatre Company) and Batel Magen (Neshima Dance Company).

Subtext is a dynamic and contemporary evening exploring the themes of languages and communication using unique and explosive dance fused with witty and vibrant theatre. The performance investigates the nuances and rhythms of language, physicalizes the subtlety of routine communication, and guides the audience through a journey of words.

Don't miss this rare opportunity to experience two emerging South West based dance companies who have been applauded as exciting and accessible.

Tickets: £6.50 (Students £5.50).

Contact 01793 773981 or email CalderD@bradonforest.wilts.sch.uk

DOMINIC WALDRON

Swindon Scouts Christmas Post

As usual, 1st Purton and Lydiard Scout Group will be participating in Swindon Scout Christmas Post!



We will be selling stamps from 1 November at our usual locations: In Touch Services, Best One and Shear Success in Purton and at Toomers Garden Centre, in Lydiard Millicent.

All profits go to run Scouting in the Swindon, Purton, Highworth and Wootton Bassett areas.

Christmas cards must be properly addressed including postcode and only posted in the Special Scout Post Boxes. Stamps are 25p each, a real saving! Please **DO NOT USE** Scout post stamps on cards posted through Royal Mail post boxes. They are not valid and the receiver of the card will have to pay a £1 surcharge!

**Posting is between: 1 December and
4 pm on Tuesday 11 December 2012**

The cards will be delivered between 15 and 16 December 2012

The delivery area for the Swindon Scout Christmas Post is Swindon Borough and some of the surrounding towns and villages as follows:

Swindon Borough: This includes all areas of Swindon, Badbury, Bishopstone, Blunsdon, Burderop, Chiseldon, Draycott Foliat, Elcombe, Hannington, Highworth, Hinton Parva, Hodson, Inglesham, Langton Park, Liddington, Overtown, Red Barn, South Leaze, South Marston, Stanton Fitzwarren, Stratton St Margaret, Thorney Park, Wanborough, West Leaze, Wroughton.

Other Towns and Villages: We deliver to Royal Wootton Bassett, Purton, Lydiard Millicent, Bushton, Clyffe Pypard, Tockenham, Broad Town, Cricklade, Latton, Ashton Keynes, Shrivenham, Watchfield, Bourton, Idstone, Ashbury and Kingston Winslow.

We DO NOT deliver to any other location.

Thank you everyone for supporting us; especially the local businesses for housing our boxes and selling stamps! A wonderful contribution.

The Lydiards & Purton Branch of The North Wiltshire Conservative Association

The Branch invites you to a luncheon to be held at Lydiard House on 18 November, 12.30 pm for 1 pm, when a two-course meal (choice of menu for everyone from three courses so as to accommodate dietary needs), plus coffee and mince pies will be served. A raffle will take place.

Tickets are priced at £17.00 and may be obtained from Mollie Groom (770544) or Sue Cook (770574).

We look forward to seeing you on 18 November.

MOLLIE GROOM

PURTON PLACARD

Groups are invited to submit to the Editor details of forthcoming events in, for and on behalf of our community.

All Souls' Service



4 November 2012, 6 pm
St Mary's Church, Purton.
All are welcome to remember
and pray for those who
have died.

St Mary's Church CHRISTMAS MARKET Saturday 24 November in the Village Hall 11.30 am - 2 pm

Come and have your lunch!! ...
Lunches served – Hot meat baps
Many attractions and stalls, including:
Home-made produce
Activities for children
St Mary's School Choir will be singing
Mince pies, teas and coffee

Purton Helping Hand Ladies Night Out

Thursday 22 November
8 pm at Village Hall
£5 – includes
buffet and a glass of wine
Minibus available
contact: Pauline Ward

PURTON AGE CONCERN CHRISTMAS MARKET STALL

on Saturday 8 December
from 9 am to 12 noon
outside the Pavenhill shops
Come and taste Andrew's
famous sausages
Lots of bargains – home made
cakes, books, toys, bric a brac
and much more

Sue Ryder's Festive Fayre

Saturday 24 November
at **The Jenner Hall, Cricklade**
From 10 am to 4 pm
Good Quality Clothing, Gifts,
Christmas Cards and more
Refreshments on Sale
All Welcome!

Whist Drive

on
Wednesday 7 November
at

Silver Threads Hall

in aid of
Wiltshire Air Ambulance

Purton Baby and Toddler Group presents ... Cheese and Wine for the girls

Friday 16 November
7.30 pm onwards
Silver Threads Hall
£5 a ticket
Licensed bar selling wine by glass or bottle
Free glass to personalise and take home
Plenty of cheese and crackers
For tickets contact:
Sarah Grigg

Purton and Lydiard Charity Fund
(Registered Charity 1116986)

Presents their annual

Christmas Craft Show

Saturday 3 November, 10 am to 4.30 pm
Purton Village Hall

Free entry, plus a free tea/coffee/squash
and biscuits

Help us solve your Christmas shopping dilemmas!
Crafts include glassware, Christmas decorations,
pyrography, bags, clothes, preserves and cakes,
scarves, jewellery, belts, watches, cards, candles,
pottery, honey, hats, sock bunnies, cushions, baby
crafts, soft furnishings, notebooks, soaps
and more ...

Refreshments including sweets,
light lunches and teas
Morning and afternoon raffle

For further details please contact: Lynda Warren

Lynda.warren@hotmail.co.uk

Purton Silver Threads Jumble Sale

17 November – 2 pm
Silver Threads Hall
Raffle Bargains
Refreshments

Purton Age Concern T'AI CHI

Come and experience
this gentle exercise
on Thursdays from 2 to 3 pm
at the Millennium Hall
£3 a session
Further details from Mick Hull
772453

PURTON ARTISTS

51ST EXHIBITION

TO BE HELD AT

**THE VILLAGE HALL
LOWER SQUARE, PURTON**

NOVEMBER

FRI 9th 9pm-8.30pm

SAT 10th 10am-4pm

SUN 11th 10am-4pm



Purton Under 5's Community Playgroup

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Sunday 2nd December

Village Hall, Purton
2-4pm

Meet Father Christmas in his grotto, have
your picture taken and receive a gift.
Also Grand Prize Raffle, Tombola, Cake Stall,
refreshments and lots more

Free Entrance



Purton Under 5's Community Playgroup
Registered Charity 1031501

Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 5 December: Whist Dive by Helping Hand at Silver Threads Hall

Santa Claus is coming to Purton again this year – dates and times to be published later. Watch out for news!

Wessex Male Choir & Jubilate sing for Christian Aid

There was a feast of singing and harmony at Bradon Forest School Hall on Saturday 6 October.

Two outstandingly successful choirs – Wessex Male Choir, based in Swindon; and Jubilate ladies choir, based in Harrow – sang their hearts out.

And the hall was full of enthusiastic locals who revelled in the music of the night. The music ranged from traditional to contemporary, to songs from the shows. It was especially lovely when both choirs sang together at the end of the concert. No one wanted the concert to finish: it had all been performed with such fun and vitality.

The Christian Aid Committee in Purton is truly grateful to Wessex Male Choir for agreeing to come and perform; and are delighted that they brought Jubilate as a guest act, to join them in the concert.

To our total delight we are able to announce that £1,200 profit was made at the concert.

This is an outstanding achievement and we are grateful to all who made the concert such a wonderful success.



Food Waste Digesters

Wiltshire Council is working to discourage residents from throwing household food waste in the bin – landfilled waste is detrimental to the environment. The Council is offering food waste digesters at heavily discounted prices. Similar in appearance to conventional composters, these patented units sit in the garden, reducing all food waste including meat and bones to either water or compost (subject to model of food waste digester). The unobtrusive units are offered by the Council at a quarter of the normal price and start at £20, including free of charge delivery to individual homes. This promotion applies only to residents living in the Wiltshire Council area.

Buy your GREEN JOHANNA for just £25 instead of £109! *This unit makes compost from your food and garden waste. It eats all the food you don't - even meat and bones. Add garden clippings and produce nutrient-rich compost for your plants. Simply stand your Green Johanna on a flat surface in a shady part of the garden – on grass or soil.*



or get a GREEN CONE for just £20! instead of £79.50. *If you don't want compost, the Green Cone accepts all cooked and uncooked food waste including meat and bones. Just dig your Green Cone into a sunny spot in the garden and let nature do the rest, reducing the contents to a small amount of runoff.*

You can order either unit

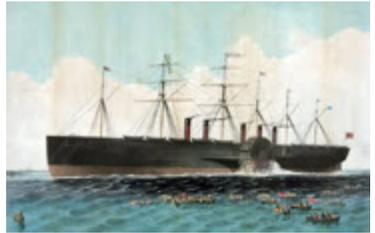
- On-line at www.greatgreensystems.com - see this web site for more details
- By Freephone: 0800 731 2572
- By Post – get an order form from Freephone 0800 731 2572

Purton Historical Society

Our September meeting saw Lynda Warren amaze many of us with her knowledge of everyday sayings and the history behind them – and mostly without notes! Thank you, Lynda.



Our next meeting is on 15 November at St Mary's School at 7.30 pm. We will be welcoming Alan Kirton who will be giving us an illustrated talk about Brunel's *Great Eastern*, the largest ship ever built at the time (1850s). Alan will cover the design, build and launch, life as a passenger ship and subsequent engagement laying telegraph cables. Many times larger than the *Great Britain* and with the capacity to carry 4,000 passengers it should have been a success, but was it?



Our annual Christmas Social takes place on Friday 7 December. We won't have to sing for our supper as the singers of *After 8* will do it for us! Many of the singers are members of the award winning *Wessex Male Choir*. Tickets are £10 (including buffet supper and a glass of wine) and will be available at our meetings and from In Touch Services, 115 Pavenhill.

With Christmas in mind, and the challenge of finding that present for the person who has everything, don't forget Brian Freegard's book *From Marsh Farm to the Moon – the Maskelyne Family of Purton*. Copies are available at our meetings and at In Touch Services at a cost of £8.50 (cheaper than Amazon!).

HELEN DIXON, Secretary (tel 01793 770648)

We Record ...

Baptisms

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| 23 September | Cameron Graham McIntosh
at St Mary's Church |
| 29 September | Kai William Stroud at St Mary's Church |
| 7 October | Heidi Margaret May Ponting at St Mary's Church |
| 7 October | Jamie Geoffrey Stanley Ponting at St Mary's Church |

Funeral

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| 21 September | Jean Haynes at St Mary's Church |
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In Memoriam

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| 10 October | In Loving Memory of Pamela Elizabeth James (née Grimes), of Park House Farm at Purton, who passed away 10 October 1987. Dearest Great-Grandmother, Grandmother, Auntie, Sister and Most Dearest Mother,
Who is forever remembered with deepest love by her family. |
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To add your family announcements to this section contact Purton Magazine. Addresses on page 4. We are happy to include births, marriages, deaths, special birthdays and anniversaries, exam successes ...



The Newsletter issued at each meeting contains a useful list of forthcoming events that you won't need repeating here, but you will want to know about the Christmas arrangements – no problem, similar to last year, a choice of main dishes, total cost £15.50. It will be held on 19 December and will also be our Birthday Meeting, and the entertainment will be Songs performed by Graham Davison-Smith. If you don't want to eat you are welcome to the entertainment, of course. Undoubtedly a good time to be had by all, we insist!

Don't worry about it till the time comes – but next year's annual subscription will be £33. Remember: you can put a little by at each meeting, if that helps. Most of us are feeling the pinch these days so there is absolutely no shame in being rather grumpy about membership fees. As you know, this applies to most organisations, not just the WI.

Members (and their friends) might like to know that the tokens on the packets of Yorkshire Tea are still valid, and if you would kindly pass them on to Jane, she could direct them in bulk to the appropriate place.

19 September was an Open Meeting and certainly we enjoyed an even greater audience than usual. The speaker was a main attraction, I am sure, but our membership definitely increased – though with no promises of wine at every meeting, I fear.

The speaker was Mr Francis Young, of The Pear Tree hotel and restaurant. He stood beside a beautifully arranged table laden with colourful bottles, including some of his own wine, and firstly told a unique tale of his adventures from teenage, travelling the world and involving an impressive cast list of royalty and film fame. (How does he do it without sounding boastful? – yet, incredibly, he does!) And then there was the wine tasting – how to do it, preferably without slurping. How sorry I was for those poor souls who were driving that night! I suppose you could say that they were there to learn the theory, not to enjoy the practice. Such deprivation deserves reward, though I can't think what it could be.

Anyway, it seems that it will be some five years or so before we can expect Purton's truly perfect wine. The vines are there, the ground is prepared but everything turns on the vital element – elements – i.e., the weather. Meanwhile, we shall continue to enjoy the good fare at The Pear Tree with the advice of its staff as to wine.

We certainly had an informative and entertaining evening, so thanks and congratulations to all who were involved in its preparation.

The Group Meeting held on 1 October at the Silver Threads Hall was great fun, with lovely actress Michelle Harper playing the part of Marilyn Monroe and giving a sympathetic talk on her life; entertaining but moving, too. We also viewed and could comment on the proposed new tablecloth for the Group, with its delicate embroidery of seasonal flowers.

On this occasion Purton WI were responsible for the arrangements and the Committee and members who were involved must have been justifiably proud of the lovely selection of cakes. There is so much work to do in preparing for

meetings, particularly for a Group Meeting, and we all want to show how good our own WI is, so here's a special thanks to those who worked so hard before, during and after the meeting – they really did us proud!

Don't forget the on-going Quiz, will you? Copies still available, price £1. I hear that members are enjoying "having a go" – it is a stimulating puzzle though I won't pretend it is easy, but makes you proud when you solve it. Guaranteed to distract your mind from any problems of the day.

Our next meeting will be held on 21 November, with the title "How is it done?" (Watch and ask questions). This will cover Using Pastels with Catherine Pier, Cane Weaving with Diana Jeremiah, and a Hair Demonstration with Val Webb. The competition is "A new item created from an old one". (Some wives will no doubt find this a particularly interesting subject...)

See you there, to learn and to laugh, as always!

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Purton Rainbows, Brownies & Guides



With the Autumn Term now in full swing, both Brownie units are doing seasonal activities. 2nd Purton have made owl mobiles, woodland scenes and done leaf and bark rubbings. They've also been on a walk to pick blackberries and look for signs of wildlife (they found lots of molehills!) The Brownies made blackberry and apple crumbles from using the blackberries they had picked. 1st Purton have also been blackberry picking, have made autumn collages from materials they gathered in the grounds of the Village Centre and celebrated harvest with the residents of Hooks Hill by taking them decorated gift bags of fruit.

We're currently in the very unusual position of having spaces in both Brownie units. If you would like to find out more about a daughter joining Brownies, please call Gill Woodward on 01793 771572.

At Rainbows the girls have made crafts and played games relating to the Rainbows' 25th Birthday celebrations. They made birthday cards and party hats and played a game with balloons which involved blowing through a straw to move the balloon through an obstacle course. It was harder than it looked and Rainbows and leaders alike ended up crawling along the floor. The culmination of the birthday celebrations was a Mad Hatter's Tea Party held at our County Guiding Centre and attended by Rainbows from across the Division. The Rainbows enjoyed a jam-packed afternoon including croquet, a treasure hunt, bouncy castle, crafts and of course a tea party. The unit has also managed to fit in a promise ceremony this term for three new Rainbows: Amelie, Mollie and Ellieanah.

Guides have celebrated Roald Dahl Day by bobbing for peaches, writing revolting rhymes, making marvellous 'medicines' and playing Willy Wonka bingo. They have also started work on the Craft badge, making felt flower corsages. One evening they made armpit fudge ... put all your ingredients in a Ziploc bag and work them together under your armpit!

Guides are always keen to spend time outdoors so we hope you enjoy reading their report of summer camp. Next month we'll have a report on the dragon boating they took part in at the beginning of October.

For more information about guiding in Purton in general, either in relation to girls joining or adults volunteering, please contact Braydon District Commissioner Jo Begg by email at braydondc@wncounty.org.uk.

Guide Camp 2012

During August, four 1st Purton Guides joined others from Melksham and Telford at Blackwell Adventure for an adventurous camp. We did lots of fun activities including grass sledging, abseiling, rock climbing, raft building and trapeze. We all found these activities challenging in a good way, because of this some people faced their fears. Each Patrol slept in big tents which were very comfortable. Our Patrol names were based on *The Adventures of Tintin*. There were many duties we had to do to help the camp to run smoothly; collecting wood and water, cooking and service. Some nights, the Rangers would arrange a wide game or completing the assault course in the dark (safe but scary!). On the very final night we had the pan race. All of the pans were black from the fire so we had to scrub them until they were silver again! All the Guides slept in the mess tent on the last night which was cosy. We had lots of fun at camp and can't wait until we go on another one!



Purton F.C.

Long term injuries and players being un-available to Managers Chris Pethick and Steve Hall has seen the Hellenic side drop into the lower reaches of the league, and further disappointed has been suffered after going out of the Hellenic League Bluefin Challenge Cup after a defeat at Clanfield (a disputed late extra time goal sealing their fate).



Albert Dearing and his Reserve side however are having a really good season and currently are top of the Wiltshire Premier League having just lost one league game this season and that the first match of 2012/3, and have progressed in the Corsham Senior Cup after a 7-4 away win against Devizes Town FC Reserves.

The Purton Youth sides have also started their campaigns. The under 9s have sadly gone out of the League Cup already. The Under 17/18s side have won already while the Under 16s have yet to win after two matches. Both the Under 15s and the Under 14s have had good starts to their season.

Purton FC would like to thank those supporters who have been coming along to support our sides. Attendances at the Red House for the Hellenic side, despite the recent lack of good results, has been really excellent and is appreciated by the management committee and most of all the players.

ALAN EASTWOOD, President

The Club is holding its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 7 November at 7.30 pm at the Red House. There are

some significant changes proposed. We are altering the subscriptions for some members to encourage families, in particular, who just want to knock up with their children or young joiners to the club to give them a taste of what they can do (and how often they can play!).

Anyone who has ever been in a club and faced selection processes will tell you it's a bit of a poisoned chalice but we are determined to get it right. There will be no selection days as such next year but training sessions for the various groups, Men, Ladies, Mixed at which the various talents can be assessed against the background of known information about the player – won all their matches, lost all their matches – you get the picture. Any of the three man (and woman of course) team can discuss actual and potential play with anyone they choose to ask for information.

And there's the committee. Some changes are in the offing and the present committee will propose alternative members for the various posts but any member can propose their own choice (hopefully with the consent of that individual) and then it will be up to those present on the night to vote. If you have a name that you wish to suggest please let me know 14 days before the date of the meeting i.e. by Wednesday 25 October.

And we hope to clarify the conditions surrounding the Wimbledon Ballot. All those who wanted to go to see the matches got tickets this year and I understand a good time was had by all. Thinking of Wimbledon – what about this for a profile of a club member?

2012 has been an exciting year for many of us, notably with London hosting the 2012 Games, but more so for Bob Pimble of Purton Tennis Club (*pictured right*).

Bob has officiated tennis at a high level, including Wimbledon, over the last 27 years and was honoured to be selected to line umpire at both the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

As a National Technical Official, Bob received tickets to attend both opening ceremonies, despite many envious people who would have loved to have attended even one!

The Olympic tennis event was held at Wimbledon where earlier in July Bob umpired at his 24th Championships.

Of course he missed Andy Murray's successful Open Championship in the USA – but you can't have everything!

It won't have escaped your notice that this is our centenary year and we are very much hoping that we will be able to have a display in the Purton Museum before the year ends, which will be available for anyone to peruse. Watch this space!

CAROLINE McLEAN



Purton Cricket Club purton.play-cricket.com



This month's report is dedicated to the contributions made by two cricketers who died recently and a Purton cricketer who is making his way in the professional game with Gloucestershire.

Glyn Lloyd, who died on 29 September 2012, came to the village as a young teacher and soon joined the cricket club, where he was a regular member of teams before the outbreak of war in 1939. He usually opened the batting, not from choice as he remembered, but because other players did not fancy facing fast bowlers on pitches with rather too many plantains growing on a length. He often talked about the club horse which used to pull the gang mowers to cut the outfield and how the horse spent the winter months on Blacklands Farm. His best score was recorded against Shrivensham in 1938 when he scored 64 and he often reminisced about the great rivalry and ribald banter between members in the annual Single v Married fixture. He talked about friendly disputes between cricketers and tennis club members over who should have use of the tearoom first on match days. Glyn was the last link with those who played in the nineteenth century – George Smith, Ewart Iles, Joe Staley and John Shales. Although he never scored a century for Purton he celebrated a century of life, much of which was to the benefit of Purton and its inhabitants.

Sid Walker, who died on 28 September 2012, was one of a small group which restarted cricket after the war in 1945 and became a hard working member of the committee. He was a very sociable person who became a keen, effective secretary of the social and fundraising committee. Amongst other activities he organised club fetes, which in the early 1950's were held at The Court, courtesy of Mr and Mrs A.V. Meyer. The 1950 fete celebrated the club's 130th anniversary. In 1951 he was very busy organising the Prospect Silver Band, the catering, swings for the children, bowls and skittles, hoopla, rifle shooting, pony rides and as gas balloon race. Mr Gibbs of Station Stores providing the ice cream. Although not a strong contender for 1st XI selection he was a good team man and played in the Morse Shield winning side in 1948 alongside the Richards brothers, Pat Hegarty, Harry Barnfield, Alf Tutt, Gordon and Charlie Garrett, Bill Benham, Frank Rudler and captain Tony Smith.

The club was pleased to receive the news that Craig Miles, who has just finished his studies at Filton College, will join the playing staff of Gloucestershire Cricket Club on a new two year contract. Craig played his early cricket at Purton and we wish him well for his future.

A review of the season is postponed again – this time to the December issue.

From the Archives

Purton v Shrivensham September 1938

Purton 136 for 5 declared G. Lloyd 64

Shrivensham 148 for 5 R. Hayward 101 not out

JOE GARDNER

Wise Words

Nothing shows a man's character more than what he laughs at.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Purton Bowls Club

Considering the weather this year, the club has had a very good season, managing to complete all fixtures and finishing in reasonable positions in the leagues. On 22 September, 36 members played club triples, a competition held in memory of the late Mick Bartlet. Lunch was cooked and served by his wife Carole. Over £300 was raised for club funds. The club tour went off very well, with good weather; a most enjoyable weekend. On a personal note, I would like to thank members for their help during the club tour.



BARBARA WOOLFORD

Purton & District Gardeners' Guild

Our annual 'Mini-show' was the focus of our September meeting and despite the wet night, members turned up to view the range of flora, vegetables, fruit, cakes, jams and chutneys exhibited. Members voted for their favourite entry in each of the 23 classes and from the class winners, committee members selected the 'Best in Show'.



The cake table with its array of Victoria sponge cakes, Ginger cakes and cheese scones proved to be ever popular, with some members returning to the table for 'second helpings' to ensure they made the right decision! Or so they would have us believe!

Show winners were as follows:

Flowers: 1st Maureen Griffin, 2nd Marjorie Shailes, 3rd Jill Herbert

Vegetables: Equal 1st Tony Price, David Herbert, 3rd Maureen Griffin

Fruit: 1st Nigel Bunce, 2nd Harold Ockwell, 3rd Jill Herbert

Domestic: 1st Judy Preddy, Equal 2nd Josie Young, Dionne Child

The 'Best in Show' cup was awarded to Maureen Griffin for her beautiful arrangement of white dahlias.

Overall Show winner was Jill Herbert with 21 points. I think everyone will agree that this was a well-deserved win for Jill for her scrummy ginger cake alone.

Congratulations to all our winners and thanks to all those who exhibited.

Whilst votes were being counted, Jill's 'Wild Flower' quiz kept members well occupied. Joint winners of the quiz were Joyce Ball and Cynthia Lloyd.

Our next meeting will be on 27 November at 7.30 pm in the Silver Threads Hall, when we will be holding our 'American Supper'. *Chalice* will be making a welcome return visit to provide our entertainment on the night so come and join us. Just remember to bring a plate of food.

MARGARET GOODALL (*Secretary*) and DIONNE CHILD (*Chair*)

After 8 Quiz Answers *from page 26*

a. Harry Beck, 1931 b. William Huskisson MP for Liverpool in 1830

1) Taxi 2) Great Western 3) Magic Carpet

Green Tips: For Christmas Shopping



Some suggestions when thinking about presents this year:

1. Choose gifts that do not have a great deal of packaging which cannot be recycled
2. Consider buying gifts using materials and methods that do not harm the environment
3. Take your own shopping bags with you rather than getting more from the shops
4. Consider buying gifts that are practical, as good a quality as you can afford and will last for years
5. Look for presents that can be recycled or re-used when no longer needed
6. Think about buying a voucher/ticket for a treat like a massage or a theatre ticket
7. Make the gifts yourself, for example preserves, cakes or craft items
8. Buy a growing gift such as a plant, indoor bulbs or a native tree as these will give lasting pleasure
9. Consider buying a subscription to a magazine
10. Good quality books from a second hand shop or charity shop make good presents
11. Buy gifts from catalogues produced by charities; they can make lovely presents as well as providing money for charities to use in their work
12. Give gifts in containers that can be re-used such as baskets, tins with lids or jars
13. Ask the shop for a gift receipt in case the present needs to be changed for whatever reason
14. Use wrapping paper and ribbon that can be recycled/re-used. Or put the present in a box or recyclable bag.
15. Create a personalised hamper for someone whose tastes you know really well so it contains food items they will like but are unlikely to buy for themselves
16. Buy locally-produced presents where possible as this will save you travel time and postage whilst boosting the local economy
17. Join in with other friends and family to buy one larger, nice and useful gift
18. Go Christmas shopping with a group of friends, sharing a car to save on fuel and enjoying their company

Shopping for gifts can be fun and challenging especially for those who like to set rules on the type, cost and so on of a present. Christmas does not have to be expensive and giving your time in a volunteering role, such as helping at a shelter can be a gift of another kind. We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Compiled by Jane Smith for Ps & Qs
Ps and Qs stands for Purton's Qualities
Valuing Community Life - campaigning for resilient communities
New members are always welcome
Contact: Jane Smith or Jacqui Lay
or via our web site: www.purtoninfo.org.uk

Dixon Group Tours - Chiseldon Travel Club

The club has just returned from an 11-day holiday based on Lake Maggiore, Italy with stopovers in the Swiss Capital of Bern and the beautiful lakeside city of Lucerne en route.

We visited Lake Orta, took a boat cruise around the Borromean Islands and a scenic train to Locarno and back across the lake by steamer. Our 2013 programme is now available. There will be one long haul trip to New Zealand in January and a 5-day coach trip to Northern France in early August based at Chantilly in a beautiful chateau for 5 nights and taking in the sights of Paris including an evening dinner cruise on the Seine. We will be trying something completely new for the group in July with an 8-day riverboat trip on the Douro River in Portugal, flying out to join the ship in Porto.

For more information on any of these tours please phone Sharon & Ian Dixon 01793 741210 or email sharian@clara.co.uk

Cricklade Country Market

The next Market is at *The Club at Cricklade* on Friday 30 November from 9 am to 11 am. Please call Nikki on 01793 751845 or Anne on 01793 750125 for more details, to place an order or to become a market producer (baking or growing).

Please order any Christmas requirements for collection at our Christmas market on 2 December.

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